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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL STATUS OF TURKISH AND GREEK DCAS

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2. VEST SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE HAD BEEN DEGREE OF MISUNDERSTANDING FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S NOON BRIEFING JULY 28 WHICH DEPARTMENT WAS ENDEAVORING CORRECT. VEST PROVIDED ESENBEL WITH COPY OF FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION WHICH WAS BEING USED FOR THIS PURPOSE AFTER-NOON JULY 28:

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"THE FACTS ARE THESE: NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE STRATEGY, TIMING, OR MECHANICS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL HANDLING OF BOTH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. WITH REGARD TO THE GREEK AGREEMENT, NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET FOR FORMAL SIGNATURE AND IT IS THEREFORE PREMATURE TO DISCUSS THE CONGRESSIONAL ASPECTS OF THAT AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME. REGARDING THE TURKISH AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS CONCLUDED IN MARCH 1976 AND IS NOW PENDING BEFORE THE CONGRESS, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE POSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATION. AS THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY, THE ADMINISTRATION ENDORSES, IN PRINCIPLE, THE TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, IN LIGHT OF ALL THE RELEVANT FACTORS, WILL ASK CONGRESS TO TAKE ACTION."
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